



Virginia Green Attractions Profile



nTelos Wireless Pavilion Portsmouth, Virginia



Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. *Virginia Green Attractions* have been thoughtfully planned and designed to minimize their impacts on the environment. This attraction has met the established "core activities" for *Green Attractions* and has committed to communicate its activities to its guests. Below are details of this attraction's "green" activities that guests can expect when at this facility.

nTelos Wireless Pavilion

nTelos Wireless Pavilion is a 6500 seat outdoor concert venue located in downtown Portsmouth, Virginia. The facility opened in 2001 and hosts a wide array and national and regional performing artists and other events.

Green Statement: "In an effort to improve our environment, *nTelos Wireless Pavilion* has taken steps to Go Green to better both the service we provide to our concertgoers as well as ourselves."



Virginia Green Activities: When visiting the *nTelos Wireless Pavilion*, you can expect the following practices:

Core Activities for Green Attractions

- ☒ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Attractions must provide highly-visible recycling opportunities for guests. *nTelos Wireless Pavilion will have recycling services implemented for the 2008 season with new recycling bins in place for all events! Food wastes are composted by maintenance staff and used for a garden on-site.*
- Recycling: Aluminum Cans, Glass, Steel Cans, Plastic, Office Paper, Toner Cartridges, Newspaper, Cardboard, Batteries, Electronics Equipment, Steel, Copper
 - Plenty of highly-visible signage promoting recycling and bins
 - Tracking overall waste bills and quantities
 - Purchase/design of cups to promote/allow effective recycling
 - Donation of excess food from events and composting of excess food wastes
 - Locally grown produce and other foods
 - Effective food inventory control to minimize wastes
 - Disposable containers made from bio-based materials w/recycled content
 - Non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
 - Use 2-sided copying, electronic correspondence and forms
 - Recycled content paper towels and toilet tissue
 - Reuse of building materials or those from sustainable sources

- Purchase durable furniture and equipment
- Use latex paint
- Preventive maintenance on all vehicles and equipment
- First in/last out inventory
- Use least toxic materials

- ☒ **Minimize/Eliminate Styrofoam.** Attractions are encouraged to minimize or eliminate the use of Styrofoam cups and plates in favor of products that are bio-based, paper, or recyclable.

Styrofoam is not used anywhere in the pavilion. Disposable products used are biodegradable.



- ☒ **Water Efficiency.** Attractions should have a “plan” for conserving and using water efficiently.

Pavilion recently installed a new irrigation system for more efficient grass watering and “Water-Saver” valves were installed in all bathrooms.

- Tracking overall water usage and wastewater
- Preventive maintenance on drips and leaks
- Water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- High efficiency dishwashers
- Discouraging water-based cleanup (sweep first)
- Low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
- Low flow toilets
- Effective landscape management plan which utilizes drought tolerant species, metering and rain gauges, and minimizes lawn areas.
- Effective stormwater management

- ☒ **Energy Conservation.** Attractions must have a “plan” that encourages energy conservation and efficiency.

Pavilion just installed energy efficient motion sensing switches in catering, kitchen, backstage bathrooms, and entire backstage area. Compact fluorescents were installed throughout backstage area.

- Tracking overall energy bills
- High Efficiency Heating and Air Conditioning (HVAC)
- Use of natural lighting
- Lighting sensors
- High efficiency fluorescents ballasts and lamps
- Purchase of EnergyStar computers, and appliances
- Thermal-rated windows and insulation
- Use directional lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas

- ☒ **Green Events Package.** Attractions should be able to at least provide recycling when they host special events.

As an events venue, all of our “green practices” are in place at all times!

For more information on the **nTelos Wireless Pavilion**, see <http://www.pavilionconcerts.com/> or contact Jon Hardage at jon@pavilionconcerts.com.



For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/virginiagreen.



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